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TWENTY-SIX **LIVES LOST**

A Number of Helpless Are Suffocated and Roasted in the Rochester Orphan Asylum.

LARGE LIST OF VICTIMS

Many of the Inmates Injured, Some Fatally-Flames Broke Out in the Hospital Section-Panic in the Buildings-Children and Nurses Carried Out Unconscious-Fire Believed to Have Been Caused by Boiler Explosion.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Prem. Rochester, Jan. 8 .- Twenty-four children, one nurse and a cook perished in fire which almost destroyed the Rochester Orphan asylum this morning at 1 o'clock. Many other inmates were injured, some fatally.

The Dead.

The list of the dead and missing fol-Gertrude Poner, Bortha Hall. Lillian Stone, Mildred Slocus Mary Alexander, Ellen Hamilson, Hazel Morray, Miunie Tiffany, Myrtle Patterson Isabel Marthage.

Charlie Benham. - Conwell, Bertha Potter. Mildred Wright. Minnie Skinner, Mary Kane, Charles Bryant Beachnell Carey. Evangeline Carey. Mrs. Maria Gordon Mrs. Martha Gillis Gertrude McCaw, Mary McCaw.

Seriously Injured.

The seriously injured, as reported at the various hospitals at noon, are as

Miss Isabelle Lawson, nurse, badly burabout arms and body; condition serious, Ellen Delmore, nurse, badly burned on and back; recovery doubtful. Fred Potter, aged two, badly burned; may die, Kate Cotterill, 16 years old; leg broken. Bianche Anderson, 7 years old, colored; se-

Saurice Keating, fireman, hand injured. Mrs. Amelia Cline, nurse; burned and leg

Mary Bradd, nurse, badly burned; recovery Frances M. Hibbard, nurse, severely burned,

but will probably recover,
Minnie Conklin, nurse, burned.
Frances Edwards, an attendant, severely John Carey, 3 years old, suffocated; recevery doubtful.

Slightly Injured.

The following named were only slightly injured and will recover: Claude Cannon, 7 years old; Hadley Owen years old; Henry Pront, 9 years old; Irving teaned, 10 years old; Lem Harper, 8 years old; Clayton Owen, 7 years old; Alfred Rennel, 11 years old; Edward Connell, 8 years old; Mary Grager, 19 years old; Edith Ratt, 13 years old Winterroth, William Miller, Fred Ponsonby, Herbert Benham, John Brooks, James Siegler and Captain William Greegan, of Hose

The flames were discovered by two young men. W. Clark and F. Young, who happened to be passing the building on Exchange street. Clark ran to the nearest fire alarm box and sent in an alarm, after which both turned their attention to arousing the nurses, attendants and children.

Miss Cline, a nurse in the hospital, says she smelled smoke a few minutes after 1 o'clock, and immediately notified Miss Vallient, another nurse, who reported the matter to the matron, Miss L. Dinehart. The smoke was speedly traced to the boiler room and word was sent to police headquarters

Then a terrific explosion was heard in the other end of the building. In a few moments the entire half of the building in which the hospital was situated was a mass of flames. The smoke poured out of every window and screams and frantic cries could be heard from the panic-stricken children. Long ladders were strung up and firemen plunged into the stifling smoke and bore out inanimate forms. All of the rescued were unconscious; many were dead.

General Alarm.

When it became known that the fire had extended to the main building a general alarm was sent in, calling out the entire department.

Policemen, citizens and firemen united in the work of rescue. Four little children had been forgotten on the fourth floor, until a woman screamed out that they had been left behind. Instantly a dozen volunteers started for the stairway. Two were allowed to go to the rescue and a moment later they returned with the babes in their arms. A cheer went up from the crowd, which was hushed as the children were seen to be uncortsclous They were removed to the house of a

neighbor across the way. About thirty children were carried into the home of Herman Behn, a shoe merchant, across the street on Hubbell Park, and as fast as the ambu lances arrived from the hospitals, the

children were removed. Although the work of rescue was aken up promptly by so many hands, volunteers as well as firemen, the flames gained such headway and with such incredible speed that it was beyond human effort to prevent the loss of life.

Ambulances from all of the hospitals were on the ground almost as soon as the fire companies, and the houses f the neighborhood were thrown open to receive the fittle waifs who were tragged and carried from the burning sylum. Some of the children died in the ambulances on the way to the hospitals.

Dramatic Incident.

A dramatic incident of the fire was fall of Morris Keating, a fireman, who went up to the roof on a ladder to rescue women and children. Just he reached the top, a stream of water was turned on him to keep off

woman who had jumped toward him. Suddenly he lost his hold on the ladder and fell with the woman to the His charge was killed out-

right and Keating was so seriously injured that he may die. The roof was covered with children who had escaped through the scuttle from the upper rooms, and the firemen were kept busy carrying them Many escaped unharmed in

Managers Negligent.

that way.

There was a joint meeting of the board of managers and the trustees of the asylum in City Assessor Pond's office today. The meeting was hurriedly called, but the large room was filled to the doors with members of the board and those interested in the institution. While all sorts of excuses were put forward for the disaster, there was unanimity in conceding that the managers had been derelict in that there had not been a better and more complete system of fire-escapes provided. One Thomas C. Montgomery, of Franklin, expressed the opinion that the managers had been negligent, in that they did not employ a night watchman at the asylum and that they had not had the building patrolled nightly.

BOOZ CASE REPORT IS RECEIVED

Belief That Investigators Have Found That Booz's Death Was Not Caused by Hazing.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 8 .- The record of the proceedings and findings of the military court of inquiry appointed to investigate the case of ex-Cadet Oscar L. Booz were received at the War Department today. They came by express and were handed to Adjt.-General Corbin, to whom they were addressed. Without reading the report, or even the conclusion, General Cerbin took them to the secretary of war.

It is the general opinion of army officers who have followed the published lestimony closely that the court decided that Booz was hazed while at the academy, but that his death, many months after leaving the academy, was not proved to have been the outcome of such hazing.

It is also believed that the court has found that the practice of hazing was generally indulged in at the academy, but not in a brutal form, and that the board has recommended that radical and extreme measures be taken to eradicate the practice in every form.

ARGUMENTS IN PORTO RICO CASES

F. A. Coudert Speaks on Behalf of the Plaintiffs.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 8 .- Argument was begun in the United States Supreme court late today in the Porto Rican customs cases now before that court. The five consolidated cases were taker up, and F. R. Coudert spoke in behalf of the plaintiffs against the government in the case known as the De Lima case. Mr. Coudert devoted considerable time to showing that Porto Rico is not a "foreign country," as that term is used in the Dingley law under which the tariff on the Porto Rican sugar imported was imposed in this case.

He also contended that the Porte Ricans are citizens of the United States and referred to the anomaly of giving courts which were not, ac cording to the contention of the government's counsels, courts of United States, power to make citizens of the United States, as territoria

courts do, by naturalization. Mr. Coudert had not concluded when the court adjourned for the day. He will be followed in the order name: by Messrs. Paul Fuller, J. Chaney and H. M. Ward, for the importers, For mer Secretary Carlisle will close for them, but not until after Attorney General Griggs and Solicitor General Richards have spoken for the government. The government's representa tives probably will not be heard be fore Thursday and Mr. Carlisle not before Friday.

NURSES INDICTED.

Three Bellevue Attendants Charged

with the Death of Louis Hillard. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Jan. 8.-The grand jury reported to Judge Cowing early today handing up indictments against Clintor Marshall, J. R. Dean and Eugene

slaughter in the first degree, in the killing of Louis Hillard. After Hillard's death it was found that several of his ribs were broken and it was alleged that he received all of his injuries in Bellevue Hospital.

Davis, the Bellevue nurses, for man-

Elliott Loses Dupont Trophy.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Jan. 8 .- R. A. Welch lost th ark this afternoon in a match for 100 live birds Welch was clearly out of form, not abooting o anything like his customary speed, while El iott simply maintained the pace at which he us been traveling of late and ran away from his competitor. He killed 97 birds while Wleck

Charged with Two Murders.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Middletown, N. Y., Jan. 8.-Homer Sarvis, cou fined in the Goshen jail charged with the murder of Frank L. Henderson, of Newburg, several cars ago, has been identified by Henderson's vis recently completed a term in a Pennsylvania

Secretary Sims Buried.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Philadelphia, Jan. 8 .- John Clark Sime, late secretary of the Pennsylvania railroad, was buried today at Whitmarsh near Fort Washingthe flames, but it had the effect of all the officials of the Pennsylvania company, confusing him. He reached out for a land many others prominent in public affairs.

COLOMBIAN REVOLUTION

Advice Received from Gonsul General Gudger Indicates a Serious Aspect.

BIG FIGHT IN PROSPECT

United States Government Will Be Obliged to Adopt a Vigorous Line of Action in Case Panama Is Attacked or There Is Any Interruption of the Transit Facilities of the Isthmus-American Interests to Be Protected.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 8.—The state de- COLLISION ON THE partment received advices today from Consul General Gudger, at Panama, indicating that the Colombian revolution had again assumed a serious aspect. He states that the Colombian government announces that the revolutionists are approaching Panama and are making preparations for a fight, which is likely to occur soon.

There is reason to believe that the United States government will adopt a vigorous line of action in case the city of Panama is attacked or there is any interruption of the transit facilities of the isthmus. According to a treaty agreement with Colombia the United States has been given a certain measure of protection over the peaceful conduct of this traffic across the isthmus. When Consul General Gudger a few months ago reported that the revolutionists would bombard the city of Panama, acting Secretary of State Hill promptly sent a dispatch to Mr. Gudger announcing in unusually vigorous terms that this government would not tolerate any action likely to prejudice American interests or interfere with the rights which this government has assumed. The dispatch became public in Panama and had the effect of putting an end to the plans of bombardment. Mr. Gudger's present dispatch does not indicate that the cty itself is about to be attacked, but if it develops by later information that I trainmen to get away from the scene there is any prospect of bombardment the vigorous procedure of a few months

ago will be repeated. At present the gunboat Ranger is at Panama, and the Philadelphia and Iowa are on their way to that locality.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL SITE.

Raybrook, Franklin County, N. Y., to Be Selected-\$100,000 Needed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Albany, N. Y., Jon. 8 .- It is known definitely that Raybrook, Franklin county, will be selected for the site of the state tuberculosis hospital. Havbrook is situated about four miles east of Saranac lake. The legislature will be asked to appropriate \$100,000 for the erection of the first pavilions for the hospital.

Plans for the institution are being prepared by State Architect Heins.

NOVEL SENTENCE FOR BAD BOY Must Earn His Salt, Keep Good Hours and Respect Women. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Allentown, Pa., Jan. 8 .- George Moyer, aged seventeen years, who was brought before Mayor Schaadt today on a charge of incorrigibility carrying a dagger, was sentenced "to earn his salt, to go to bed not later than 10 o'clock at night and to rise at 6 in the morning: may go to theatrical performances, but is not to 'sass' the women folks."

WILL SETTLE STRIKE.

Chief Officials of the Eric Railroad Arrive at Susquehanna to Confer with the Boilermakers.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Susquehanna, Pa., Jan. 8.-The chief officials of the Erie railroad arrived here in a special car today to confer with the local officials and the strikers' committee, with a view of settling the boilermakers' strike, which began yesterday. The road is doing a very heavy business and the crippling of the motive power would be a serious affair, as the largest boiler works are

located here. It is expected that the strike will end by Wednesday. The strike has not yet reached the other departments of the shop. The strikers are orderly and law-abiding.

Separate Trial in Bosschieter Case.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Jan. 8 .- Justice Dixon in the court of oyer and terminer in Paterson, N. J., today announced that he had granted the application of counsel for a separate triel for Geo Kerr, indicted for the murder of Jenuie Bosschieter, on the alleged ground that Kerr had present when knockout drops had been given to the girl.

Congressman Neville Ill. by Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 8 .- Congressman Neville, of Nebraska, is very ill at his residence in this city. Mr. Neville has had several hemorrhages during the past few days resulting from an ac-cident he met with during the Christmas holidays which reopened a trouble he suffered during the Civil war. Hope of his recovery is in-

THE SHERMAN IN A TYPHOON. HAS THE D. & H. Narrow Escape of the United States

Transport Off Japan. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. San Francisco, Jan. 8 .- The United

States transport Sherman was caught in a typhoon off the Japanese coast on December 18. The waves broke so high that the hurricane deck was flooded One of the port lifeboats was smashed into kindling wood, and another had to be cut adrift. All the windows or the port side were stove in, and the roof of the cabin was taken off bodily and piled up around the smokestack. The ends of the staterooms were stove in, and tons of water almost filled the

J. R. Duff was hurled with great vioence against a chair, sustaining a fracture of three ribs and some of the oones of his right hand, besides several bruises. Captain Grant, on the bridge, was knocked down, but suffered no injury. One of the searchights, held by iron supports, was thrown across the deck with great force. Other minor damage was done by the typhoon, which, the officers of the Sherman say, was the worst they ever experienced.

JERSEY CENTRAL

Powder Car Explodes with Terrific Force-Freight Conductor's Heroic Act.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Wilkes-Barre, Jan. 8 .- By a collision on the Central Railroad of New Jersey, near Laurel Run, late this afternoon, a car filled with black powder exploded with such force that the report was heard a distance of twenty

The car was attached to a freight train bound south and was the third car from the rear. When near Laurel Run station, an empty engine following crashed into the freight. It plowed its way through the caboose, a car filled with beer and went half-way through the powder car. The powder did not explode at once, as it was not subject to concussion, but hot coals from the firebox of the wrecked engine set fire to it. Then every wound of powder in the car exploded. The locomotive was bent and twisted into a shapeless mass and five of the care were crushed into kindling wood. The trucks of the cars were hurled hundreds of feet away, and underneath the powder car a great hole was torn

in the ground. The crew of the empty engine, seeing that a collision was unavoidable, jumped after the engineer had reversed the locomotive. The engineer knew that there was a carload of powder on the train ahead and he told the of the collision as far as possible. This is the only thing that saved their lives. After the explosion the wreck caugh: fire. Wrecking crews from Ashiey and Mauch Chunk were sent to the scene and at 9 o'clock tonight they bad sucseeded in extinguishing the fire, but it will be morning before the wreckage is cleared up and trails resumed.

The window glass in the houses at Laurel Run were broken. People living in Wilkes-Barre township thought a great earthquake had taken place and they rushed out of their houses into the street. At Wilkes-Barre White Haven and Pitiston houses

were shaken on their foundations. Peter Strome, the conductor of the freight train, performed a heroic act. Just before the powder car exploded he "cat" a car, loaded with dynamite, which was coupled to the powder car. and gave the engineer the signal to go ahead. The dynamite was moved to a place of safety before the explosion occurred.

PAUNCEFOTE TO REMAIN.

No Successor to the English Ambas sador Will Be Appointed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. London, Jan. S .- Lord Paracefote, British am assador to the United States, according to inrmation furnished to the Associated Press day will remain indefinitely in Washington. was the intention of the Iritish government to appoint his successor next March but the questions now at issue between the United States and Great Britain are believed to be far too erious to permit his remoral. It is understood Lord Pauncefote is willing to stay on and is likely to represent Great Britain until the close of this year at lest if not longer.

As yet the Nicaraguan controversy has not ngaged the attention of the British government nor has any decision been even tentatively formed. Before the matte is discussed in the cabinet Lord Lansdowne, recretary of state for foreign affairs will have seezal conferences with United States Ambassador Choate, enlightenment being desired by the foreign office upon various points in the amendments to the Hay-Paunce fote treaty. These conference will begin within few days.

Frame of the Ctp Defender.

By Exclusive Wire from Te Associated Press. Bristol, R. L., Jan. 8.-Te second consignment of about 100 steel angles or the frame of the new cup defender arrived lere today from Steelton, Pa., baving come b special train from Providence. The angles re 20 feet long, two inches wide on the legs and 1% inch on the angle. They are intended for the bow and the stern of the frame. The keel plates will be ready for the setting up if the frame tomorrow

Steamship arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Prew. New York, Jan. 8 .- Arrived: Furnessia, from ington, Antwerp, via louthampton; Cymric, Liverpool, Sailed: Nomelic, Liverpool, Havre -Arrived: La Normande,f rem New York. Boulogne—Sailed: Patricia (from Hamburg), New York, Lizard—Passel: Amsterdam, New York for Bounogne and Interdam. Cherbourg-Arrived: Peuntsylvania, New York via Ply mouth for Hamburg (and proceeded).

Baltimore Banks Closed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Baltimere, Jan. 8.-Tap "Old Town" bank, state institution, which deed its doors and went into a receiver's bands few days ago, will resume business tomorrow. The American National bank, which closed its ors the day before the failure of the "Old Tow" bank, and which was closely allied with it, isalso expected to resume business shortly, althoug no definite announce ment to that effect has et been made.

BEEN LEASED?

Report That It Has Passed Into the Gontrol of the New York Gentral Railroad.

WHAT WALL STREET THINKS ABOUT STORY

This Proposition Has Been Talked About for a Long Time-Object Is to Bring the Two Roads More Closely Together and to Give the Morgan-Vanderbilt Combination s Firmer Grip Upon the Anthracite Coal Trade-The Officials of the Delaware and Hudson in This City Have Only Heard Rumors of the Change, but Believe There Is More Truth Than Fiction in It.

In railroad circles in this city for the last two days it has been rumored that the Delaware & Hudson company is about to pass into the control of the New York Central and Hudson River railroad, a sufficient amount of Delaware and Hudson stock having been secured by the New York Central people to enable them to secure a lease of the property.

None of the Delaware and Hudson officials in this city could vouch for the truth of the rumor but the manner of all those approached indicated that they believe there is more truth than fiction in the story. The activity in Delaware and Hudson stocks also lends color to the story. The New York Commercial Advertises of yesterday afternoop mid-

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t of an acquestion of the Delaware er chooly affiliated nd freight traffic a New York, and second rable to bring Delaware and Lindson as

oducer and carrier into the great coal comutles new forming. The accordations for the control of the Delaand Hudson have been conducted so that but few men are informed as to the President R. M. Olyphant and other ficurs of the Delaware and Hudson company disclaim knowledge of any impending change in the control. They are puzzled, however, by the extraordinary activity of the Delaware and Hud-

son stock in the Stock exchange, and the steady advance in price. There are 350,000 shares of Delaware and Hudson stock each of the par value of \$100. The names of more than 20,000 shareholders appear on the shares have been so widely distributed that it has been a notable fact known to financiers and railroad men that no particular group of men either owned or controlled the prop

Directors of the D. & H.

The directors or managers of the Delaware and Hudson company represent a wide diversity of interests. The members of the board are R. M. Olyphant, W. H. Tillinghast, Alfred Van Sant-voord, A. E. Orr, Chauncey M. Depew, James W. Alexander, John Jacob Astor, Captain R. Semers Hays, Frederick Cromwell, James B. Taylor, Horace G. Young and David Willcox.

The late James Roosevelt was a large stockholder and vice president of the company. large block of the stock is also said to be own by the Equitable Life Assurance society. For sevreal days there has been rumors in Wall street of private buying of the Delaware and Hudson stock. It was intimated a short time ago that Rockefeller interests were large purchasers, One of the rumors current in Wall street today was that the control of the Delaware Hudson was being bought in the interest of the Delaware, Luckawannh and Western. Chairma Sloan, of the last named company, said that he knew nothing about any such negotia

EASTMAN WORKS PARTLY DESTROYED

Two Firemen Are Killed and Another Seriously Injured-Loss Placed at \$8,000.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 8.-The nitrate building of the Eastman Kodak works was destroyed by fire today. Two firemen were killed by the fumes of burning chemicals and one other was so seriously injured that he will probably

phy, George F. Long. Injured: George Kitlinger. The fire started by the contact of escaping nitric acld with the wooden toor. The loss is placed at \$8,600.

The dead: Lieutenant Edward Mur-

Monument for the Dead of the Tenth. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, Jan. 8 .- A concurrent resolution tors and three members to assist the several citi zens' committees already appointed in the erec-tion of a monument to the deceased soldiers of the Tenth Pennsylvania regiment, was signed to-

Strike of Machinists.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Hornellaville, N. Y., Jan. 8 .-- About 100 machinists in the Eric Railroad company's shops here are on strike. As to whether the strike was due to the discharge of a workman or to the objections of the men to piecework cannot be learned as both sides are reticent

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today. FAIR; NORTHWESTERLY WINDS.

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- Local—Opinion of Prominent Citizens on the Proposed Action of the Trolley Company.
- Local-Councils Will Take Action at Once to Street Railway Matter, Hearing in Councilmanic Bribery Cases,
- S Local-West Scranton and Suburbar General-Northeastern Pennsylvania.
- 10 Local-County Commissioners After the Fee Grabbers. News in the World of Labor.

COLLISION ON THE BALTIMORE & OHIO

Eight Men Are Killed and Three Injured-Twenty-three Cars and an Engine Meet.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press, Fairmount, W. Va., Jan. 8 .- An eastbound engine with twenty-three empty cars collided with a west-bound engine running light on the bridge crossing the mouth of Koon's Run, above Everson section, on the Monongahela division of the Burlington and Ohio to day, killing eight men and injuring three more, one fatally. Both engines were going at full speed to reach a switch, as the Pittsburg flyer was nearly due. The dead:

W. R. ROWMAN, of Fairmont, engineer; instantly killed.
W. J. O'NEIL, of Silvery, Pa.; instantly killed,
M. F. BRENNAN of McKeesport, Pa., conduc-

tor; killed instantly OHN DEVENY, Fabriagon, fireman; fived forty VILLIAM PARRISH of Kover, W. Va., brakeman; byed 30 minutes. JUSHPH F. KING, of Monongabels, W. Va. lived 29 minutes MCRRELL, of Palemont, areman; died

READING TRACTION **EMPLOYES STRIKE**

Had Just Bean Granted an Increase of 15 Per Cent., but Wanted Discharged Man Reinstated.

By Exchisive Wire . . The Another Pro-Reading, Jan. 8.-Trouble between the United Traction company and its men culminated shortly after noon today in a strike of its 150 motormen and conductors. Recently the employes organized a branch of the Amalgamated Union of Street Railway employes, and half a dozen men were discharged during the past few days. The company officials say that they were discharged for other and good causes, but the men believe that it was because of their connection with the union. The Federated Trades council, composed of all the city trades unions, took the matter in hand and the strike came at noon today. The men took the cars to the barns and then quit. Last Saturday night the company made an increase of 15 per cent, in wages, but the union decided

on a strike when the discharges were This evening the street car traffic to completely paralyzed. Not a car is running. The men held a meeting this afternoon and all were reported firm and determined to remain on strike until the discharged hands shall be re-

The Street Car Men's union has asked the two hundred striking motormen and conductors to obey the law and to do nothing which might tend to create a breach of the peace.

PRESIDENT HAS GRIPPE. Will Probably Not Attend to Business for Several Days.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Washington, Jan. 8 .- Secretary Cortelyou this evening said, concerning

the president's illness: "The president's cold has developed into a well defined case of grippe. His physician states that there are no complications and that everything is pro gressing favorably. The disease must run its regular course and the president therefore is not likely to be out of his room for some days."

GOVERNORS INAUGURATED.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Columbia, S. C., Jan. S.-Governor M. B. Mc Sweeney, was inaugurated governor today for the second time. The governor in his message, directed attention to the fact that not a lynching had taken place in the state in the year

Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 8.-William S. Jennings was inaugurated governor of Florida this afternoon. His message favored free schools, free chool bonds, uniform assessments and low taxes,

To Establish a Colored Colony. y Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Cape May, N. J., Jan. 8.—Prominent colored men met here today and considered the question of establishing an industrial colony in Cape May county. It is said that a wealthy colored man has agreed to establish the colony giving

each coloniat a farm and seed and live stock

enough to begin operation on an agreement to pay for the farm within ten years No -harge for Collecting Checks. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, Jan. 8.—The Philadelphia Clear-ing House association has decided for the pres-ent to establish no charge for collecting checks

TO REMOVE FROM PEKIN

Some of the Subjects of International Negotiation May Be Taken to Washington.

SUGGESTION OF CONGER

Better Progress Likely to Result if the Deliberations of Foreigners Are Removed from Local Influences-The Empress Dowager Still Exerting Her Influence Against Acceptance of the Demands of the

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 8.-The negotiations which have been pending for some time, relative to the removal from Pekin of some of the subjects of international negotiations, so that they could be taken up at Washington or at the capital of one of the other powers, have now advanced to a stage where there is promise of a satisfactory understanding among the powers on this move. The plan originated through a suggestion of Minister Conger, cabled about a week ago, to the effect that there was little prospect of securing united action on the subject of indemnity and of new commercial treatles with China. Mr. Conger suggested that better progress in the ne-gotiations were likely to result if these two phases could be removed from Pekin and taken up at some point entirely removed from local influences. Mr. Conger's idea met with favorable consideration here, and the suggestion was made to the other powers interested in China that the matter of Chinese indemnity and of commercial treaties be taken up at Washington or at one of the other capitals. In executing this plan, it has been the purpose to assume an international commussion which could pass on all quentions of indemnity, both among themselves and as against China. It would be in the main'a conference among the powers, although it is expected that Chinese envoys would be invited to participate after the proceedings reach a stage where unity of action among the powers was assured.

The stare department has received indications as to be general feeling of some of the powers on this propos. ion. There appears to be no reas. anticipate serious opposition to the manufor as most of approclated the obstacles at Pekin in the way of an agreement on the subjects of indemnity and communical

treatles. Concer Confirms Reports.

Minister Conger was heard from day in a cablegram to the state department. The text of the dispatch was not given out, but it was made known, that in substance, Mr. Conger confirmed recent press reports to the effect that there was reason to believe that the empress dowager was exerting her influence against the acceptance of the demands submitted by the powers. It is the feeling among officials here that the influence still wielded by the empress dowager may lead to serious complications in case she seeks to bring to a halt the negotiations now pending. The powers, by stating their demands to be irrevocable, made them practically an ultimatum and while a refusal to sign by China would not result in a declaration of war to enforce the demands there would be a prolonged occupancy of Pekin and this might lead to fresh complications threatening to the integrity of the Chinese empire. United States government is seeking to insist upon the signing of the treaty by the Chinese envoys, on the ground that they presented credentials clothwith complete authority to act without the necessity of first sub-

mitting their acts to the imperial court for approval. Based on these credentials, Minister Conger and the other ministers at Pekin are urging that the envoys should sign without reference to the attitude of the court, and in case the signatures are given they will be accepted as a complete expression of the will of the Chinese government.

ARIZONA KNOCKING.

Delegates from Territory Present Arguments in Favor of Statehood. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 8.-Governor Murphy and delegates Wilson, of Arizona, were heard by the house committee on territories today in favor of the bill for the admission of Arizona as a state. Each presented an elaborate argument. Delegate Wilson used the figures of the present census and made a strong showing for state-hood for the territory. The committee took no action today and the general opinion is that o action will be taken at this session. But if the bill for the admission of Arizona reported it will be accompanied by bills for

Assistant District Attorney Arrested. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Altoons, Jan. 8 .- Ex-Assistant Attorney Samuel A. McNeal, an atterney of this city, who suddenly disappeared several months ago, was arrested at Norfolk, Va., yesterday at the re-quest of Chief of Police Seedenburg. McNeal is wanted here for conspiracy, forgery and embez-zelment. Seedenburg will leave tomorrow for Norfolk to bring him back.

Meeting of Zionists. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Berlin, Jan. 8.—A large meeting of Zionists seld today voted to call a national Jewish congreen for the protection of the liebrew

. WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Forecast for cost-era Pennsylvania: Fair Wednesday; winds becoming northwesterly; brisk on the coast; Thursday fair, colder,